



First Presbyterian Church

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**Our Mission: Connecting with God and sharing the Good News
of Jesus Christ with the community.**

From Your Session

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2014 was a challenging year for many of us...loss of dear family and church members, illnesses, work related issues.

As we enter 2015, we face a new year with new challenges, both personally and here in our church. Over the past couple of years, we have lost the support (time, talent and financial) of many members due to age, death or relocation.

How will we face and replace the physical and financial support needed to sustain our church in the coming years? ... **By becoming involved** in the life of our church! By sharing your passion, a particular interest or skill; continuing or beginning to tithe. Tithing isn't just about money, it's giving of your time and talent counts too! By taking on a leadership role; joining a team (finance, worship, CE, property, congregational life-there's always room for one more and fresh ideas);

donating or supporting a special cause; and last, but certainly not least, inviting friends and family to worship with us or to attend our special events. One of my favorite sayings is "many hands make for light work".

In the near future, a list of opportunities will be available for you to consider helping with. I hope you will prayerfully consider how you will give back to our church in this our 50th Anniversary Year, to help it shine and grow. It is only through our help and generosity that we can continue to reach out to our community and share the word.

Anna



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A recent letter from Susan Walters tells us about a new, challenging project for her and her family.

A little city in East Asia
February 2015

Dear friends at FPCD,

We hope your new year is off to a good start and that you notice God's goodness to all of us, his people, each day. We commend you for walking humbly and working towards restoration, telling the stories of what God is doing in you, among you and for you, singing about his goodness and being a blessing to the wider community. That is the kingdom coming to Duncanville even as it comes in the villages of the surrounding mountains here. So we rejoice with you in this joint work.

I'm starting something new this year: a PhD in Intercultural Education. It's been 22 years since I was in a study program. In 1990 I came to Dallas to study linguistics. It was then that I began worshipping with you at FPCD. Since then I met Dennis, married, we left for East Asia, and we received three great kids. I have been tempted to begin a study program several times, but the timing was never quite right.

Over the last two and a half years, I've been helping the Zee learn to read the Bible. I find myself wanting to know more than I do, to know how other people have done this in other times and places.

Last year I found out about a field-based program out of Biola University with an extension campus nearby us in Thailand. These days Dale, Evelyn and Andrew Gary are doing more and more things independently. It seems like the right thing at the right time. I think these studies will help me with all the literacy work I am involved in now, designing materials and training Zee folks. While I have the blessing of my supervisors, we'll have to fund the studies ourselves. We'll take it one semester at a time. I just got back from my first two classes. Remember us as we launch into this.

Warm greetings to you and all our friends there,

Susan





Cook's Corner

This month, Nancy Bergman shares with us her favorite recipe for slow cooking goodness.

Enjoy!

Crockpot Chicken

4 to 5 large chicken breasts [bone-in or boneless], thighs or mixture of both.

Coat with flour-salt-pepper-garlic powder mixture and brown quickly in fry pan.

Cut up one med. large onion in small pieces and put in bottom of crock pot. Add 1 1/2 C. chopped fresh celery leaves.

Place browned chicken on top of the onions and celery leaves.

In a separate bowl mix together 1 can cream of mushroom soup and 1 can evaporated milk. Pour this over the chicken. Cover crockpot and put on low for 6-7 hrs.

Serve over noodles or rice, along with vegetable of your choice.

Nancy Bergman

Conversation with God

Join us in Conversation with God on Wednesdays, February 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25. We'll begin with dinner at 6:00 pm, and then a Lenten study from 6:30 to 7:20 pm.

Enjoy God's Word in a new and fresh way. No experience necessary!



"My whole family's giving up something for Lent. Mom's giving up cookies, Dad's giving up cake, and I'm giving up squash."



FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR February 2015

Remember each other in daily prayer.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Jack & Diane Pegues Ruth Yingst Dean & Ginger Hertenstein	2 John Alsop Joan Brown Julia McConnell	3 Charles Tyer Eddie & Brenda Everett Grant	4 Jim & Janet Stahl Donna To Leo & Marlene Skinner	5 Paul & Jen Schaefer Caleb, Micah, Josiah, & Sarah Elyssa	6 Irving & Peggy Kezar Angel, Brandon, Cyleigh, Devon, & Elyssa	7 Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee
8 Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle Keanu Mahlum	9 Winfred Cook Larry & Margaret Lewis	10 Jeff & Nyadia Thorpe Bryan & Caden Jim & Pam Loyd Wanda Shipman	11 David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander, Aiden Beau & Blake	12 Gary & Candice Morris Paul & Helen Barton	13 Dub & Gwen Guthrie Neal Bill & Vangie Jackson	14 Connie Steger Keith & Gail Haynes Dudley Austin
15 Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie Sam & Charlotte Fithian	16 Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston, & Tristan	17 Jamie & Lorraine Cordova Vanessa, Valerie, Jimmy & Jason	18 Miguel & Fanny Penaloza Susan Murphy Anna Murphy	19 Doris Metzger Carol McKinney Tom & Lois Harmon	20 David Hertenstein Evelyn Eddie & Darlene Cowand	21 Nadine Daum Ariel, Leah, Aeris & Benjamin
22 Billie Cowand Gary & Nita Malone Barbara Notari	23 Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz	24 Bob Harrison Darrell & Sharon Ingram	25 Gary & Linda Simons Albert & Sara Teel Dick & Nancy Bergman	26 Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R.	27 Paul & Claudia Griffith Dorothy Cleary	28 Roy & Wendy Jensen The Buuck's George & Mary Huttar
25 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn, & Andrew	26 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb, Jonathan	27 Eric & Erin McGinnis Ashlee & Michael Mickey & Betty Jespersen	28 Dave & Jocelyn Bolles Pat Sparr Steve & Marna Bayless			

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

February 2015

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

February 1	Greeters:	Darlene Cowand, Anna Murphy
	Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Jocelyn Bolles
	Tellers:	Darrell Ingram, Leo Skinner
	Communion Servers:	Dub Guthrie, Erin McGinnis, Eugene Jimmerson Marna Bayless, Darrell Ingram, Margaret Lewis
February 8	Greeters:	Eddie Cowand, Doris Metzger
	Ushers:	Eddie Cowand, Dub Guthrie
	Nursery Volunteer:	Anna Murphy
	Tellers:	Lori Glover, Brenda Everett
February 15	Greeters:	Vanessa Cordova, Jason Cordova
	Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Susan Murphy
	Tellers:	Teresa Reed, Joan Brown
February 22	Greeters:	Jocelyn Bolles, Janet Stahl
	Ushers:	Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Erin McGinnis
	Tellers:	Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis

February Birthdays

If we've missed your birthday and you would like us to include it in this "birthday" section of the newsletter, please contact us at (972) 298-3043 or info@fpcd.org. Thank you.

Carol McKinney, February 4
Christy Cowand, February 6
Triston Russell, February 8
Helen Barton, February 10
Billie Cowand, February 10
Ann Reed, February 11
Paul Griffith, February 12
Leo Skinner, February 15
Claudia Griffith, February 16
Erin McGinnis, February 21
Susan Walters, February 22
Nadine Daum, February 23
Morgan Hall, February 24
Gary Simons, February 26
Madison Douglas, February 27

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

— 9:15 a.m. Christian Education
— 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Youth Group — 6:00 p.m.